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Clearly 99.9% of Usenet wants war. (I think by now it's one of their locked-in DNA code kind of pretend-atheism mindset things, similar to what those Old Testament thumping Zionist and of their puppet Hitler had in mind, because it sure as hell isn't of anything Islamic/Muslim or of most other faith-based motives)

However, at best it's going to be a pretty damn neat trick to retool much of anything for the better, especially as long as we're forever stuck with their disinformation and lies upon lies about the past, present and future.

Human space travels to/from the likes of our moon and nearby Venus are technically and affordably doable, especially if you believe 10% of whatever our NASA/Apollo wizards have been telling us for decades, and otherwise don't pay any attention to whatever Van Allen and a few too many others have had to say.

Contributor "hallerg" makes sense, although I'd rather go for a 50/50 maximum of public matching funds for those space travel or research related efforts that qualify, in that at least 50% of whatever goes up has to be privately funded and not necessarily tax exempt unless they can prove and/or otherwise demonstrate the mission payback on behalf of the greater good of humanity, or that of contributing some worth on behalf of salvaging some portion of our badly failing environment, or defending Earth from a nasty God-rock might even qualify for a 100% public funded bonus if they manage to accomplish the task (representing a tax free doubling of their investment).

Your "while the US itself, insists that if it is first, it is first among equals" isn't even within the proper context or whatever realm of what this anti-think-tank of this naysay Usenet from hell gives a hoot about., because apparently there's simply no such equal to what these chosen folks have insisted is the one and only religion supported by their terrestrial limited god. These folks in charge of our private parts and taking most of our hard earned loot not only do not believe in any other faith, they also do not believe in ETs of any sort (intelligent or not). Instead they permit only the most inert of off-world godless eye-candy to coexist, and only as long as it doesn't

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rock their faith-based boat.
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Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Every modern depression, recession, business panic and collapse was preceded by military action in the modern age – from the Civil War forward.

That happens because wars are not only very costly, but they destroy things like factories and tools and farms and kill they people, those people who know how to do things like use factories tools and farms to make stuff.

Every boom, every cycle of achievement, every success in modern history was preceded by a technical development or expansion and settlement of a frontier.

We have the means, and have had the means for the past 60 years, to do anything we wanted in the Solar System at costs that are affordable to our industry, and at risks acceptable to the vast majority of explorer personalities.

So, why haven't we developed the solar system and brought about the largest most sustained economic boom in history?

The answer is; we have adopted policies that prepare us for nuclear war, these policies are diametrically opposed to the development of commercial nuclear propulsion and power for low cost space travel and off-world development.

We seek to control the proliferation of knowledge about missiles and nuclear weapons. We seek to maintain favorable disparities of income so that others find it difficult to afford missile and nuclear technologies. We hope that with this combination of policies we can maintain the peace.

But those who promoted these policies in the 1950s – felt that they would not be sustainable for more than 50 years. They were right. In 2001 – the United States suffered another devastating surprise attack, spelling the end of the control paradigm established so long ago. Meanwhile, nations as meager economically as Pakistan and North Korea have both missiles and nuclear weapons. Loose nukes flow out of the former Soviet states into the hands of terrorists who have vowed to use them against the United States in retribution for saddling them with what they feel are unfair economic, political, and military structures that help the US while hurting their country-men. Americans are told that the terrorists hate our freedom. They are not

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told that terrorists more than anything, hate the way they believe we attain our freedoms.

At the end of world war two the United States knew it could not sustain another surprise attack in the nuclear age. A single overwhelming attack with nuclear weapons has the potential to decimate the nation in an afternoon, and reduce it to a condition it cannot recover from. So the War Department vowed to not let that happen and take whatever steps were needed to keep that from happening. To this end we instituted policies that;

1) reorganized the War Department into a single integrated Department of Defense. The US abandoned its military following world war one, so it was felt that a constant war footing was needed to avoid that in the future, to this end, the War Department was renamed the Department of Defense – to reflect its ongoing commitment to maintain US nuclear and non–nuclear forces – national defense became the top priority for the nation.

2) reorganized the office of strategic services into the Central Intelligence Agency. The US recognized that battles and wars and challenges it could avoid through secret action were battles it could win cheaply allowing it to focus resources on more important areas. The entire world was not only monitored, but also infiltrated and where possible controlled to maintain political and economic conditions favorable to the United States. This was recognized as being offensive to the US people as well as our commitments to other nations, so was kept secret until the downing of Gary Powers. At that time, the US media began portraying very positive heroic images of spys, spying, and secret agents – while avoiding any real serious discussion of the CIA and other intelligence operations within the US or elsewhere, and while marginalizing any view that was not the mainstream media view.

3) adopted policies to restrict and control missile, nuclear and space technologies to maintain United States lead, and deny these technologies to others.

4) adopted economic policies that maintained a large disparity of income between others and the United States through natural working out of markets and promoted the view that the US is superior because it is naturally better than all others while avoiding a clear and frank explanation of what we were doing and why – either within the United States, or with others in the world community.

a) the purpose of this policy derives from the observation that a rich nation is better able to defend itself from a poor nation than the poor nation from the rich. It also derives from the fact that a constant war footing is costly. So, by creating a trading regime that is favorable to the United States, we are imposing a sort of market based tax on the rest of the world and using our control of the media through Hollywood and advertising, along with CIA help, to promote the

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facile explanations while ignoring any real in depth analysis – or marginalizing that analysis that does not portray the US in the light it wishes to be portrayed.

b) the mechanism of this policy derives from the observation that store owners make more money than skilled craftsmen, and skilled craftsmen make more money than farmers and miners. So, while a gold rush into a region might make a few men millionaires in gold, the vast majority work for starvation wages in the hopes of becoming a millionaire, while the sure winners are the craftsmen that build stuff, and the store owners that sell the stuff to them. This 19th century economic model was used to organize the world so that the US would always play the role of store owner, while our allies became our skilled craftsmen, and the hopeful miners and farmers working at starvation wages, would supply our raw materials. Our enemies would be excluded from this setup, and targeted by the CIA to destabilize them.

As I said, this whole setup works in the short run. It is unstable in the long-run.

At the time these policies were adopted this was pointed out to leaders, but those who held this view were marginalized by those who would benefit by the adoption of these policies, and their view held sway.

The adopted policies almost immediately began to harm the United States economy, and to harm the United States preeminent geopolitical position following the war.

To become a nation of store owners that relied on our allies to build things for us, we had to direct investments away from the US manufacturers and toward foreign manufacturers. This got rid of the skilled craftsmen in the US, and any discussion of reorganizing 19th century patterns of wages and rewards – which was labelled communist or socialist – even if it was soundly based in changing patterns of the labor markets due to changes in technology.

These policies were adopted in 1958 and by 1963 we switched from being exporters to importers as more manufacturing moved overseas. By 1968 our currency was under great pressure as people sold us goods and we had no goods to sell in return. By 1973 we were off the gold standard and interest rates were out of control as inflation took its inevitable toll. By 1978 savings and loans collapsed, home ownership rates among the poorest of Americans fell, and homelessness became an issue, while large capital intensive projects became too costly to build due to high interest rates. It is impossible to write a low interest loan if the dollars you are repaying with are worth far less than the dollars you are borrowing. It is impossible to have a stable currency if you are using that currency to buy things and offer nothing in return. By 1983 the establishment of a global stock trading system brought an influx of cash into the United States as

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foreigners used their spare cash to buy stocks, but fear of foreign ownership brought restrictions that did not fix the underlying weakness in the US economy and by 1988 the US suffered a stock market crash larger than that in 1929. By 1993 the US was targeted for attack by terror groups spun off from its CIA operations against the Russians in Afghanistan, and by 2001 – a successful attack took place on US soil. A terror nuclear attack is a real possibility, and if God forbid, one is carried out successfully, the US economy will be decimated. Looking at relative debt to equity of US currency – and US economy – the US is about 2x and perhaps as much as 6x overvalued. A successful terror nuke against a major financial center may cause the US to be undervalued – especially if orchestrated by those who no longer respect or value the US (if they ever did) – mainly – Europe, Saudi Arabia, and China – working in concert, to dump US debt – reducing economic potential of Americans by a factor of 20 or more.

This need not happen.

We could have taken a different route.

We still could. Here is the alternative history

1) reorganized the War Department into a Peace Department, recognizing that in the nuclear age, we must get at the root causes of war and eliminate them in order to maintain safety and security of all Americans. The US abandoned its military following world war one, but it took no steps to assure itself that the Peace would be maintained. So a constant effort to actively maintain peace was needed to avoid war in the future, to this end, the War Department is renamed the Peace Department – to reflect its ongoing commitment to maintain US nuclear free and use its non–nuclear forces to maintain global peace – world peace became the top priority for the nation.

2) reorganized the office of strategic services into the Central Intelligence Agency. The US recognized that battles and wars and challenges it could avoid through secret action were battles that could become flashpoints for war. Allowing it to focus resources efficiently in areas that promoted its larger peaceful vision. The entire world was not only monitored, but also infiltrated and where possible controlled to maintain political and economic conditions favorable to world peace. This was recognized as being offensive to the US people as well as our commitments to other nations, so was kept secret until the accumulated successes at maintaining peace and prosperity around the world could no longer be contained, and resulted in a general understanding and acceptance of this action. Secret agents and spies naturally became heroic figures.

3) adopted policies to direct missile, nuclear and space technologies to develop off world resources and a new frontier for all humanity.

4) adopted economic policies that maintained a large rate of economic

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growth and reduced disparity of income among nations through growth. The United States became first among equals through natural working out of markets and promoted the view that the US is no better than any other nation, but was committed to equality and liberty for all. While not promoting itself as superior the US became a model of toleration and growth widely adopted. (Ho Chi Minh went to the University of Pennsylvania and used the US Constitution to organize Vietnam. He only turned to Communist after US sided with the French) Any difficulties that arise result in a clear and frank explanation of what we were doing and why – within the United States, or with others in the world community – and our unwavering commitment to world peace and prosperity.

a) the purpose of this policy derives from the observation that a rich nation is best loved by a poorer nation if that rich nation provides the means for that poorer nation to better itself. It also derives from the fact that a constant war footing is costly. So, by creating a peaceful geopolitical environment, costs are reduced for both parties and greater growth is possible. a trading regime that is fair and balanced to all parties – create real and lasting connections that make peace inevitable and war impossible. Being careful not to impose any sort of market based tax on the rest of the world provide real in depth analysis of relative advantages and how to manage them to maintain the greatest prosperity for all and enlarge the basis for peace

b) the mechanism of this policy derives from the observation that free people play many roles in a free economy to create real value. Store owners can also be skilled craftsmen, and skilled craftsmen can also farms and mine. So, while a gold rush into a region might make a few men millionaires in gold, others are free to find the highest best value in a free market, while all become sure winners no matter what the need or opportunities. This 19th century economic models of the past are moot. The world is organized along peace, prosperity and freedom. The obvious shortage of commodities is used to organize research and development of new sources while all participate maximally, and no one is excluded or allowed to become destabilized by misfortune..

In this environment off world resources are developed and the frontier of interplanetary space enriches and enlarges our world – united in peace and prosperity – while the United States rises to very high regard around the world as the creator of this new world and is highly honored for it, while the US itself, insists that if it is first, it is first among equals.